Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) Usually the supplies are made once in a year as per annual indent.

(2) There were nine extra indents for medicines alone which were supplied on the following dates.—

20— 2—10	14—11—10
7— 5—10	19—11—10
12— 7—10	14—12—10
20—10—10	22—12—10
27—10—10	

മിസ്റ്റർ ആർ. വിശ്വനാഥൻ ചെട്ടിയാർ.— നെമ്മാറ ആസ്പത്രിയിൽ അധികം ദീനക്കാർ വരുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് അവിടെ അധികം മരുന്ന വേണ്ടേ?

ഡാക്ടർ ഡി. രാഘവേന്ദ്ര റാവു.— നെമ്മാറ ആസ്പത്രിക്ക വേണ്ടതായ മരുന്നുകൾ സപ്ലൈ ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ട്.

Specialists—Co-operative Banking.

14. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of specialists in Co-operative Banking already under employment in the State;

(b) the number of specialists who are unemployed;

(c) the number of Co-operative Societies and Banks which have no specialists?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—(a) Four Co-operative Inspectors who had training in Co-operation.

(b) Figures are not available.

(c) Specialists who had Co-operative training are not employed except in a few societies.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to impress upon the Societies the necessity of appointing specialists?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—It is being tried, but the question is the ability of the society to pay them.

Panchayat works not given to lowest tenderers in 1110.

15. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to give a list of works not given to the lowest tenderers by the Panchayat in 1110?

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Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—A list containing the information is appended *(Vide Appendix VII).*

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the reason for not doing so?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I have got the lists prepared. For every work, the reason is mentioned here.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It may be read.

Mr. President.—I cannot allow that long list to be read.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What are the reasons for not accepting tender No. 1?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—For item No. 1 there were 4 tenders and the 2nd was accepted. The Panchayat has written to say that A has not completed the work entrusted to him and therefore B must be accepted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether these works were entrusted on the recommendation of the Panchayats?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Item No. 1 was entrusted on the recommendation of the particular Panchayat.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are not these works generally accepted on the recommendation of the Panchayats?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Certainly; all those tenders that are recommended by the Panchayats are accepted.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What is the policy of the Government? Do they generally accept the lowest tender?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—The lowest tender is accepted unless the Panchayat recommends otherwise.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—If the Panchayat recommends otherwise the lowest tender is not accepted?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Yes. We have to give a certain amount of respect to the words of the Panchayats.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is the Panchayat also expected to give the reason why a tender should not be accepted?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—By not accepting the lowest tender sometimes complaints may arise. I am asking whether the guiding principle, is to accept the lowest tender as far as possible?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—As far as possible it is the guiding principle.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is the departure from the usual practice made on the recommendation of the respective Panchayats concerned in all the eight cases?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—In some cases there have been other reasons also.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know what these reasons are?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—In one case there were five tenders. The first tenderer was a new contractor. He had another work also to be completed. So he could not be entrusted with this work. Hence the second was accepted.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—So if a new contractor puts in a tender his contract would not be accepted on the ground that he is new in the line?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—That is not the only reason.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it the opinion of the Government that a contractor who has undertaken to do one work cannot be entrusted with another?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—In some cases it is left to the discretion of the officer.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—That is what I wanted to bring out.

Regarding shanty in Padagiri.

16. **Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was a shanty in existence in Padagiri, Nelliampathies;

(2) why was it discontinued ; and

(3) is there any idea to revive it ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(1) Yes ; there was a market at Padagiri, Nelliampathies, some years back.

(2) The market ceased to exist of its own accord for the planters who formed the major population of the locality began to abandon the place and consequently the coolies also deserted the spot. The market thus naturally became extinct.

(3) The question of reviving the market will be considered by the Government when necessity arises.

മിസ്റ്റർ ആർ. വിശ്വനാഥൻ ചെട്ടിയാർ.— ഇപ്പോൾ നടക്കുന്ന ചന്തയെപ്പറ്റി നാട്ടുകാരുടെ ആക്ഷേപം ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ഡാക്ടർ ഇ. എസ്സ്. ആർ. മേനോൻ.— ഇതിനുമുമ്പുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ട്; ഇപ്പോൾ ഒന്നും ഇല്ല.

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